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**Re: U. S. Patent Application of Loukritia Balkos, Nikolas D. Balkos, Konstantine D. Balkos and Elena Balkos**  
**Entitled: PRESS FOR MAKING PATTIES AND METHOD OF OPERATION**  
**Our Reference: 4754-39**

Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the application papers for a utility patent in the names of **Loukritia Balkos, Nikolas D. Balkos, Konstantine D. Balkos and Elena Balkos**, each of whom resides in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, entitled **PRESS FOR MAKING PATTIES AND METHOD OF OPERATION**. The application papers comprise: (1) the specification and claims; (2) 3 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-9b) and (3) abstract.

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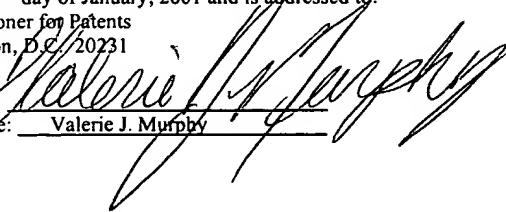


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